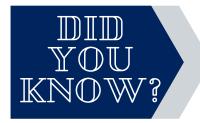
Resource Guide for Developing a Respiratory Program



Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134) is among OSHA's top 5 most cited standards!

Respiratory Protection Programs (RPP) are required in most settings where healthcare is provided. The following guide outlines resources that may be helpful to developing and implementing a RPP. Visit the <u>VDH N95 Respiratory Fit Testing Train-The-Trainer Resources And Information web page</u> for more information.

- Get started with the <u>Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)</u>
 Respirators Protection <u>Training Requirements video</u> for a brief introduction and overview on RPP.
- Review the full <u>OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134)</u> and <u>Mini Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.504)</u>

<u>VDH-led TRAIN</u> Sessions for <u>Respiratory Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer</u>: 2022 dates and locations are NOW AVAILABLE!

Develop and Implement a Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)

The Virginia Department of Health developed a <u>Respiratory Protection Program</u>

<u>Template</u> document. Use this resource in conjunction with the <u>OSHA Respiratory</u>

<u>Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134)</u> to guide your planning, develop your RPP and provide a foundation for implementing a successful RPP.

The RPP Template contains eleven sections of information and guidance for fulfilling each of these sections. In summary;

- Evaluate workplace respiratory hazards
- Designate an RPP administrator
- Administrator develops the facility RPP
- Administrator implements the RPP (conduct fit testing, provide workplace training, and evaluate RPP)



Components of a Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)

1.Purpose

2. Scope & Application

3. Policies & Responsibilities

- Identify and evaluate workplace respiratory hazards caused by breathing contaminated air
 - National Institute of Occupational Safety
 & Health (NIOSH): <u>Healthcare Respiratory</u>
 <u>Protection Resources Hazard Evaluation</u>
 <u>and Respirator Selection</u>
- Designate a program administrator, qualified by appropriate training or experience, to administer the RPP. Appropriate training can be acquired by reviewing the following presentations that provide an overview of RPP planning, fit-testing, and annual training requirements:
 - N95 Respiratory Protection Train-the-Trainer Training
 - N95 Fit Test Procedures
 - OSHA Respiratory Protection Training Test your Knowledge

4. Respirator Selection Procedures

- OSHA Video: <u>The Difference Between</u> <u>Respirators and Surgical Masks</u>
- OSHA Video: Respirator Types
- NIOSH approved N95 masks

5. Voluntary Respirator Use

6. Medical Evaluation:

- A medical evaluation must be completed prior to fit testing and before wearing a respirator.
 - Must use <u>OSHA Medical Questionnaire</u> or medical examination that obtains the same information
 - A qualified healthcare professional reviews the medical evaluation and completes a <u>Medical Recommendation for Respirator</u> <u>Use</u> for each employee

7. Fit Testing

- VDH Document: <u>Respiratory Protection Training</u>
 <u>- Respirator Fit Testing</u>
- VDH Document: <u>Private companies that provide</u> N95 fit test training*
- Respirator Fit Test Record
- Example <u>3M Fit Test Kit</u>* and associated <u>3M Fit Test Kit Training Video</u>*

8. Respirator Users and General Use Procedures

9. Employee Training

- OSHA Video: <u>Respiratory Protection for</u> <u>Healthcare Workers Training Video</u>
- Narrated Presentation: <u>Annual Respiratory</u> <u>Protection Program Training</u>

10. Program Evaluation

Procedures for regularly evaluating the effectiveness of the RPP

11. Documentation and Recordkeeping

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